

BOARD MAY MEDDLE.

These Four Broken Roundsmen Likely to Be Reinstated.

Believed That the Commissioners Will Reverse Eyrnes's Action.

A Stampede for Retirement Expected Within a Few Days.

It was understood at Police Headquarters this morning that the Commission intended to reconsider the case of the four roundsmen of the Mercer street station, who were reduced to the rank of patrolmen last Tuesday, at the request of Supt. Eyrnes.

Not only the reduced men, but it is understood all members of the command of the Mercer street station, complain bitterly of the Superintendent's action. Mr. Eyrnes explained in executive session to the Board, that a "fly" roundsmen from his office had found some members of the command in an eating-house in Fourteenth street, and that this could not have occurred had the roundsmen been attending to their duties. On this information, charges were preferred against the seven policemen, and Roundsmen Emil L. Phasen, George T. Sharrow, George T. Leeson and Charles H. Boyle were reduced.

The facts of the case, as explained by members of the command, are that last Sunday night there was a fire in Wootter street, which made it necessary to call out the reserves, and kept them up until it was time for them to go home. It was half an hour after they went out on their regular duty, and they found a crowd of people drinking coffee. They had been doing extra duty for four hours in the wet and cold, and when they should have been sleeping. They were not able to do proper duty for another six hours without eating.

Two of the reduced roundsmen, Phasen and Leeson, it is claimed, were not even on duty when the men were found in the eating house, but were asleep in the station. While the policemen do not desire to be understood as criticizing their superiors, it is believed that they have been made in their behalf, and that some action will be taken by the Commissioners at the meeting tomorrow.

A rush of applications for retirement expected at Police Headquarters during the next few days, as a result of the introduction of the new law, extending the term of eligibility from twenty to thirty years.

The proposed law has evidently not become generally known to the force. There are now about five hun-

dre eligible for retirement under the twenty years service law. Some of this number, while not actually disabled, are not capable of performing the exacting duties they are sometimes called upon to perform.

The Police Commissioners have absolute authority in the matter, and have determined that no one shall be allowed to retire whom the police surgeons may certify to be able to perform further duty, unless the applicant is over sixty years of age.

There is no doubt that if the present bill becomes law the Police Board will find a lot of lawsuits upon its hands.

"TELL YOUR CAPTAIN THIS."

Justice Voorhis's Lecture on Excise Law Violations.

Four bartenders were arraigned this morning before Justice Voorhis at the Tombs Court, charged with violation of the Excise law.

Policeman Weidmayer, of the Oak street station, found the door of Morris Callahan's saloon, 135 Park Row, unlocked at 2:30 o'clock this morning. He entered and placed the bartender, Michael Sullivan, under arrest. According to his testimony, the saloon was open, and no liquor sold or exposed for sale and no glasses on the bar.

"Then why did you make the arrest, officer?"

"That is no offense," said the magistrate, "but these are my orders from the captain."

"Let me say here," said the judge, "and you tell your captain, too, that an open door is no violation of the law. The prisoner is discharged."

At 2:45 o'clock, 134 Park Row, Henry Lynch, of 13 Chatham Square, and Edward Leonard, of 134 Park Row, were each held in default of \$100 bail for examination.

WILL TEST EXCISE LAW.

Proprietor Schloss and His Bartender Defy Eyrnes's Order.

The arrest of Charles Schloss and Bartender Edward Leonard, of 134 Park Row, in connection with the sale of liquor during the forbidden hours, Schloss owns the saloon at 132 Broadway, and Newman is his bartender.

Early this morning Central Office Detective, Michael Vailley and Enoch Schlos, of 134 Park Row, purchased drinks and then arrested the saloonkeepers and his assistant.

The defendants have demanded an examination. They intend to make a test case.

VAIL THE FIRST WITNESS.

Schlossmeyer's Ex-Ward Man Refuses the Extraordinary Grand Jury.

The extraordinary Grand Jury convened, as usual, at 10:30 o'clock this morning. Ex-Ward Man Vail was the first witness before that body.

Vail is the witness who testified before the Lexow Committee to having collected several thousand dollars black-mail from the steamship companies while under Capt. Eyrnes's command.

Supt. Eyrnes called at the District Attorney's office this morning and had a consultation with Col. Fellows. Neither would say what the visit meant.

KEEPER WUND SUSPENDED.

The Case of Drunken Murderer Begs Under Investigation.

The Grand Jury of the Court of Sessions to-day will consider the case of William Eyrnes, the murderer, who when called for trial in the court was too drunk to appear. The Judges have in-

vestigated the case personally, and had all persons interested before them.

Charles Wund, keeper of the pen in which Eyrnes was held to have procured his liquor, has been suspended pending the investigation. The Grand Jury has talked the matter over. It is said a report will be made to-day.

Shortly before 11 o'clock District Attorney McManus, Foreman Harbour, of the Grand Jury, and several members of that body made an inspection of several of the prison pens.

It is believed their condition will be the subject of the Grand Jury's attention.

The stenographic notes taken before the three Judges yesterday will be produced before the secret inquirers, who convened at 11 o'clock this morning.

Evelyn Bell Once More.

Evelyn Bell, the notorious doublet house keeper, who caused the Lexow Committee as much trouble as appeared before the Extraordinary Grand Jury this afternoon.

Now 201 Sick Policemen.

The present returns this morning show that there are 201 policemen on the sick list, including Capt. Eyrnes, Price, Marston and Meakin.

Capt. Washburn to Retire.

Capt. Washburn, who has been on the force for almost thirty-seven years, is to retire. Capt. Washburn is seventy-two years old.

WARING RUNS TO TITLES.

Major Cushing Said to Have Accepted Charge of the Stables.

Col. Waring has a well-developed fight on his hands. He has appointed as Assistant Superintendent, Capt. Francis M. Gibson, in place of Major C. H. Cushing, who resigned his appointment.

Col. Waring declared he is not a proper man for the place.

Acting under the advice of his counsel, Gen. H. F. Tracy, the Mayor has decided to remove his personal effects from the office and leave an address where his salary can be forwarded to. This request was made by Col. Waring, and the Mayor will not object to his resignation.

The case is interesting from the fact that it involves a General, a Colonel, a Major and a Captain.

Deputy Commissioner Charles K. Moore denied the report that H. C. Cushing would receive the appointment as Assistant Superintendent.

Col. Waring arrived at his office at the usual hour today, and immediately locked himself in, refusing to see reporters or say anything in regard to the present trouble over his disposal of Major Thompson.

At 11 o'clock, Jan. 17—Major Harry C. Cushing, U. S. A., retired, has accepted from Col. Waring, Street-Cleaning Commissioner, New York, charge of the Department stables, and expects his appointment in a day or two. Major Cushing is well known in military circles.

THE MAYOR LOOKS WORRIED.

Expected Visit of Mrs. Grannis Aggravates His Gout Twinges.

The Mayor looked over his mail with some hesitation this morning, and it was apparent that he anticipated more letters from indignant temperance advocates. If he found any he made no sign.

Occasionally His Honor cast an uneasy glance at the door, as if expecting the entrance of the delegation of women whom Mrs. Elizabeth B. Grannis threatens to lead into the Mayor's office for the purpose of having it out with the Mayor because of his recently advanced stance about the door, as if expecting the entrance of the delegation of women whom Mrs. Elizabeth B. Grannis threatens to lead into the Mayor's office for the purpose of having it out with the Mayor because of his recently advanced stance about the door.

His gout is with him in a little more decided form this morning and, altogether, it was pleasant to see him under the trees in the park than in the Mayor's sanctum.

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IS IT STRONG VS. PLATT?

Brookfield's Friends Counting on Help from the Mayor.

Platt and anti-Platt factions are hustling for votes among County Committee members to-day to effect a temporary organization of the Committee to-night.

Both sides admit that the permanent organization will be delayed until counts in the Second and Tenth districts are settled, but as the temporary chairman will appoint committees to decide these contests, much depends on that organization.

The Brookfield fighters have hopes, however, that even if Platt's forces win to-night, they may be able to persuade enough committee members to desert Platt and change the result when the permanent chairman is elected.

As one of the most powerful influences to effect this persuasion they are counting on Mayor Strong's favor. He hitherto has kept out of the contest, but it is said he will lend his aid to the anti-Platt faction if he finds Brookfield going to be turned down.

How Platt was too busy talking with party leaders to-day to express any views on the situation.

HE PAWNED THE DIAMOND.

New Broker C. M. Ward Is a Police Court.

Diamond Broker Adam Brown, of 15 Maiden lane, appeared in the Tombs Police Court this morning against Charles M. Ward, an insurance broker, of 159 West Forty-eighth street, whom he charged with larceny. Ward was arrested last evening.

On Dec. 22, according to the complaint, Ward obtained from Brown two unset diamonds, valued at \$250, on memorandum, return to be made on or before Jan. 2.

Ward then admitted he pawned the diamonds for \$125 and offered the pawn tickets.

Justice Voorhis this morning fixed bail at \$1,000, and paroled Ward in the custody of Lawyer Mitchell.

Burglar Caught in Rochester.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Jan. 17.—Edward Dillon, aged twenty, who claims to be an ex-railroad man, of Chicago, was arrested yesterday in the act of robbing the safe of the Crescent Flouring Mills. His companion escaped.

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NOW IT IS FORGERY.

Strange Denouncement to a Suit for Goods Bought.

If Samuel Rosenberg, dealer in woolens at 95 Division street, keeps his word he will bring David Gurin, a cloak manufacturer at 50 Division street, before the Grand Jury for alleged forgery, in making receipts for money not paid and signing Rosenberg's name.

Rosenberg sued Gurin in the Fifth District Court to recover \$100, alleged to be due for goods sold and delivered. On the trial before Justice Goldfogle Gurin produced receipts covering the amount claimed to be due and bearing the name Samuel Rosenberg.

Gurin testified these receipts were filled out and signed by Rosenberg in Gurin's presence.

But when asked he never gave receipts to Gurin, and positively declared that all but three were forged.

David N. Carvalho, the well-known expert in handwriting, expressed an opinion on the trial before Justice Goldfogle that the receipts were forged, and had been traced transparently by holding one over another.

Judgment was given for the plaintiff for \$114.50, which includes interest on the original bill. Gurin was said by his lawyer to be sick. Justice Goldfogle said the matter should be taken before the Grand Jury.

OFF WITH THE OLD TOO SOON.

Not Yet Divorced, Mrs. Richter Weds Again.

Mrs. A. A. Richter, who left her husband, Dr. William Richter, and their home, at 503 East Nineteenth street, because she suspected him of infidelity, and who afterwards sued for absolute divorce, did not appear on the day set for trial of the case. It was learned she had married C. B. Kellas, believing the divorce had been already granted.

She told Kellas she had \$20,000 worth, but when this was not forthcoming the new husband became suspicious and, on the signature of S. Rosenberg, secured a divorce from the old one.

George W. Lyon is engaged.

The engagement of George W. Lyon to Miss Carrie Voorhis, youngest daughter of Commodore Jacob Voorhis, is announced. Mr. Lyon was for four years Surveyor of the Port, and served as Assistant District Attorney of this city for about ten years.

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